

Appl. No. 09/465,676  
Amdt. dated November 23, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of August 25, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, claims 4-11 were allowed.

Claims 1-3 and 12-15 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Meier, US Patent No. 6,323,566 on the grounds set forth in the Office Action. In this response, claims 1-3 and 12-15 are being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter. Editorial corrections are made to the allowed claims 4, 7 and 8.

In the event there are further issues remaining the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone attorney to reach agreement to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Since the present claims set forth the present invention patentably and distinctly, and are not taught by the cited art either taken alone or in combination, this amendment is believed to place this case in condition for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the matter, enter this amendment, and to allow all of the claims in this case.

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I hereby certify that the Amendment Upon Final Rejection is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent Office on November 19, 2004.

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